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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6662**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1575

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 4, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Canceled school day waiver.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Bischoff

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Nugent

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed - House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Department of Education to grant a waiver for a number of school days canceled by a school superintendent for inclement weather or extraordinary circumstances. It provides a formula to determine the number of days eligible for mandatory waiver that: (1) is based on the number of actual instructional minutes provided to students; and (2) maintains the equivalent in hours of the 180 student instructional days required by law. (This mandatory waiver is in addition to a waiver that the Department currently has the option to grant.)

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** School corporations would be able to save the cost of transporting students on regular routes and not employing some hourly personnel who are needed when the students are present. The average daily cost for all school corporations to transport students is about \$2.1 M.

The bill would allow school corporations to have a number of days that could be used for waiving canceled instructional days due to inclement weather or extraordinary circumstances. Each additional minute per day beyond the 5- or 6-hour-day requirement would result in an additional three hours of "bank time" for the school.

Based on the data available from 275 school corporations, the following table illustrates the range of eligible

days that would be available to school corporations.

Number of Eligible Days Exceeding 180	Number of Elementary Schools	Number of High Schools
0 Days	2	7
Between 0 and 5 days	0	5
Between 5 and 10 days	9	33
Between 10 and 15 days	17	134
Between 15 and 20 days	50	37
Between 20 and 25 days	55	47
Between 25 and 30 days	49	4
Between 30 and 35 days	13	4
Greater than 35 Days	<u>80</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Number of School Corps	275	275

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local School Corporations.

**Information Sources:** Department of Education databases.

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